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Smallpox in the United States, etc.—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.	
Virginia—Continued.					
Norfolk.....	Sept. 19–June 2.....	823	12	Officially reported.	
Petersburg.....	Mar. 6–Mar. 12.....	1	.....	
Portsmouth.....	Dec. 31–June 2.....	328	4		
Richmond.....	Jan. 25–Mar. 12.....	8	.....	
Total for the State .....	.....	2,153	31	
Washington:					
Seattle.....	May 30.....	1	.....	
Spokane.....	Feb. 27–May 20.....	7	.....	
Wisconsin:					
Calumet County.....	Feb. 16.....	1	.....	
Harrison County.....	Feb. 20.....	1	.....	
Milwaukee.....	Apr. 24–May 27.....	10	1		
Outagamie County.....	Feb. 7–Mar. 20.....	15	2		
Total for the State	27	3	Do.	
Wyoming:					
Cheyenne.....	Mar. 5–Mar. 26.....	5	Do.	
Rock Springs.....	Dec. 24.....	1	.....	
Total for the State .....	.....	6	.....	

PORTO RICO.

Sanitary reports from Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, May 17, 1899.

SIR: Referring to your letter of April 25, directing me to make a weekly report of the general sanitary situation and of the transactions of the service at this port, I have the honor to make the following report:

I have transmitted under separate cover the quarantine report and abstract of bills of health issued, for the past week (ended May 13).

During the first two weeks in May there have been boarded and inspected at this port 13 vessels, and for the same period 21 bills of health have been issued. Of the vessels entering only 2 received any especial comment, 1, the Italian steamer *Centro America* entered on May 10. She is of a line 2 of whose vessels call here regularly. Their voyage is usually from Genoa to Limon, Cartagena, Baranquilla, Curaçao, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, Ponce, St. Thomas, and thence to Genoa. They always carry a large number of steerage passengers (250 to 300), and at first gave trouble. Now, however, owing to the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States in the island, they refuse to take such passengers for this port, and call here only to discharge cargo (from Genoa, usually macaroni) and take cargo, all of which is done in quarantine. The other is the sloop *Kite*, from Tortalla Island, with 5 passengers for this port. This sloop belongs to a class of vessels which arrive here occasionally, and usually from one of the Virgin Islands, or from Santo Domingo, carrying passengers of the steerage class. The vessels (all are sailing craft) are so small and the number of passengers so large that all sanitary and navigation laws are violated, and often even the laws of common decency. In my letter to the Bureau of May 2, I reported the actual condition of one of these vessels, the *Niantic*. They come very seldom, and I hope the harsh treatment that they have received will prevent any future attempts of this kind.

I inclose herewith the vital statistics of Ponce for the first two weeks in May. The statistics represent the whole Ponce Jurisdiction (city,

port, suburbs, etc.), with a total population of 49,000 (Spanish census, 1897). Calculations based on these figures give, for the first two weeks in May, death rate 35.6+, and birth rate 21.29+, per thousand inhabitants. Death rate for 1898, 40.32 per thousand according to a pamphlet recently published under the alcalde's direction, and a copy of which I mailed to you some days ago. I attempted to obtain vital statistics of last year from the official records but there has been considerable delay about it.

The smallpox in the city and port is now of little moment. The inclosed report of infectious diseases for the past week gives only 1 new case in the city, and none in the port. The cases reported in the hospitals come mainly from the surrounding country (district), where the disease still prevails.

I have fully advised the Bureau concerning the progress I have made in establishing a station here. I expect a visit from Surgeon Glennan this week, and after consultation with him and by the aid of his advice, I hope to be able to speak more definitely regarding arrangements for disinfection at this port.

Respectfully, yours,

C. H. LAVINDER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *May 23, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the weekly quarantine report and abstract of bills of health issued for the week ended May 20. During the week nothing unusual has occurred so far as the shipping interests are concerned, and the transactions of the Service are summed up in these reports.

The smallpox here is now, I think, a thing of the past. General vaccination has been well done, and results are now showing themselves. Only 1 new case occurred in the city last week, and there has been none in the Playa for several weeks. The cases reported in the hospitals (mainly from the district) are now rapidly decreasing, and all told number this week only 30. The general health of city shows little change. I will transmit mortality statistics in my next week's report.

Respectfully, yours,

C. H. LEVINDER,

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Births in Ponce jurisdiction during two weeks ended May 13, 40.

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction during two weeks ended May 13, taken from records in the office of the municipal judge.

Disease.	Num- ber.	Disease.	Num- ber.	Disease.	Num- ber.
Anæmia.....	5	Hemorrhage (uterine).....	1	Spasm of glottis.....	1
Anæmia (pernicious).....	1	Hemorrhage (cerebral).....	2	Tuberculosis (pulmo- nary).....	11
Aortitis (chronic).....	1	Hystero-epilepsy	1	Tuberculosis (general).....	1
Asphyxia (hanging)	1	Inflammation	1	Tetanus (infantile)	2
Burn	1	Infection (gastro-intes- tinal)	1	Tetanus (traumatic).....	1
Cachexia and burn.....	2	Malarial fever.....	3	Syphilis.....	1
Cachexia (malarial).....	2	Meningitis	1	Uræmia.....	1
Diarrhea (chronic).....	1	Nephritis (chronic).....	1	Valvular disease (heart).....	1
Dysentery (chronic).....	1	Old age.....	1		
Debility (congenital).....	3	Pericarditis	1	Total.....	67
Enterocolitis	5	Pneumonia (influenza).....	1		
Enteritis (chronic).....	1	Peritonitis (suppura- tive).....	1		
Elephantiasis.....	1	Smallpox.....	3		
Gastro-entritis.....	4				
Hemorrhage (internal).....	1				